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Long May It Wave



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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel Webster.

... Lind For Register.

D. W. Lind, of Clarksville, a candidate for register of deeds on the Republican ticket, was born in Kent county, coming to Boston when but twelve years of age and has since been a resident of Boston and Cambridge townships. He obtained his education by working on the farm summers and attended school winters. At the age of nineteen he began teaching and taught for twenty years. He taught in one school for seven years and in another eight years. He then took charge of the Clarksville creamery and has shown executive and business ability in the management and his clerical ability is shown by his records and reports. He is a fine penman and has every qualification for the duties of the office he seeks.

Mr. Lind is in every sense a self-made man and has overcome handicaps and conditions that would have discouraged others. The voters of Campbell and Boston townships his home towns, feel it a privilege to give him their united support, knowing his ability and feeling he has earned this support.—Saranac Advertiser—Adv.

ASHLEY

Mrs. Emma Weter returned to her home at Belding after spending a week with her niece, Mrs. C. L. Beardslee.

There will be church next Sunday morning at 10:30. All are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cranmer motored to Lansing, last Saturday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. Chester Loomis and children were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beardslee.

The families of John McNaughton and Ralph Hall spent Sunday at Long Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eggleston returned home last Sunday from visiting relatives at Stanwood and Mecosta. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown and family attended the Free Fair at Ionia, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Evey and children, of Riverdale, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasmussen.

Miss Bernel Mason, spent Sunday with the Misses Doris and Lorna Hall.

Miss Kitty Laurence is much better so she is able to set up at this writing.

Mrs. Church, of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Millholland, of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Shafter, of Detroit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoover last week Wednesday.

Word was received on Monday that Burr Smith had lost an arm fighting for us over there. Now, if you know Burr, write him a nice long, cheery letter, for he sure needs it at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Allchin and daughter, Blanch, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allchin also attended the fair at Ionia, last week.

Ms. W. L. Hoover who has been reported ill, is now better.

Mrs. Mary Tuttle, who is over 85 years of age, has knit a fine pair of socks for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Frank Rasmussen entertained Mrs. Arthur Kimball and children, of Waukegan, Wisconsin and Mrs. Regal, of Greenville, last Monday.

Miss Eva Throop, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Converse, for several days, left for St. Johns, on Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Henny, of Alma, are home for a week's visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich.

Mrs. Lou Lemon and two sons, Clarence and Richard, of Neodasha, Kansas, are visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron C. Greene and with other relatives and friends for about six weeks.

Miss Hilda DeVault, who has been ill for some time, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Sowers, is improving.

CONCRETE ROADS
FOR THE MICHIGAN
R. F. D. CARRIERS

A. M. Eaves, rural mail carrier on R. F. D. No. 2 out of this office is the recipient of the following letter from George H. Van Pelt, a veteran road man, who is thoroughly imbued with the idea that concrete roads should be constructed wherever roads are to be built and that the mail carriers should be the first to boost this cause along at every given opportunity.

The letter follows:

August 17, 1918.

Dear Sir:

Of course I was sorry not to attend your last meeting but I cannot be everywhere at once. I had a good time with you two years ago and ever since I have been thinking what a chance you have to develop sentiment for good roads.

Just by the way, there is nobody that needs good roads more than you do and you know it. Uncle Sam doesn't send you off to the worst stretches. He just tells people they can go and get their mail. But you get enough bad roads to satisfy you that to build anything short of concrete is pretty close to homicide on the part of those responsible and the "home" it kills is the rural mail man.

So I am going under the supposition that you want concrete roads and that you are willing to boost them with every man and every woman along the thousands of miles that you make every day.

In fact, I think that every mail man ought to be the secretary, manager and promotion man for a road association in his territory. Nobody knows better than he what is needed. Nobody knows better than he the character of the voters. Nobody can spread the right kind of information better than he. He doesn't need to write letters—he tells his message man to man, which is the most forceful way to get a message across.

And he has a lot to gain by taking on that little job on top of his own work. He will get home one, two or three hours quicker just as soon as roads are built right. He may get a few additional miles to cover but they will be covered in such quick time that he will have no fault to find.

His horse, or his motorcycle or his "lizzie" will last years longer. He will be on still better terms with the people along his route because he gets there more surely on a closer schedule.

But he must not talk about his advantages to him. He can only sell concrete roads by talking their advantages to the other fellow, and they are not hard to find.

You know I have taken on a little job for the next 22 years—that will round out a hundred for me. I propose to get the whole Dixie Highway concreted from Miami, Fla., to Charlevoix, Mich., and if I can take on about 7,000 miles can't each of you men take on about 30? We will work together where your route is on the Dixie. We will work in harmony no matter where you are.

It isn't so impossible as you might think. You know back in 1909 there was practically no concrete and now there's something like 6,000 miles built in this country and the work has just started.

And don't think for a minute that concrete roads don't save more than they cost. It doesn't matter what they cost at all. You've got to put to their credit a big saving in gasoline, tires, horse power, repairs and depreciation. You've got to credit them with a big time saving for the man who goes to market or to church or to town. You've got to credit them with making the average farmer a suburbanite instead of a ruralist.

But nothing short of concrete will do. The blamed stuff that we're getting on some of our roads isn't good enough. It's better than gravel but the Lord never intended soft stuff to run autos over. If he had man would have found a few such roads when we came to this earth. Tar and pitch ought to be entirely conserved for boiling the members of the German war party when our boys get into Berlin. It has no place on the highway.

You know up in my county, Charlevoix, we built a lot of gravel roads several years ago and spent a tremendous amount in repairs to them. The upkeep has now become a veritable mountain on our county which grows larger and larger each year.

If we built it all of concrete like we built a couple of short stretches out of Charlevoix and East Jordan, one seven years ago and two eight years ago, one of which hasn't had any repairs and the other just a few dollars' worth, we could have gotten federal and state aid and the actual cost would have been no greater than what we paid plus what we've spent in maintenance. That's why I want concrete and why you should want concrete.

Are you with me on this? I am writing letters to editors every week or so, all along the Dixie Highway route on both sides of the state where two or more of "our boys" are in the same town. Why not get together and have your newspapers print my letter to you? If you men back me up so that every farmer is with you and with me for concrete roads we will get them built. We must put out "pep" into those fellows who don't give a damn what kind of roads our boys have.

If they print it, mail a copy of the paper to me at 901 Prairie Avenue, Joliet, Ill.

Yours for good roads,

Van Pelt.

The writer has, in his short lifetime, viewed the putting in of so-called good state road roads, only to see them worn out in a few years of time and travel and another great outlay of money expended in the repairing of the roadway and is in thorough accord with the concrete road idea advanced by Mr. Van Pelt and others who know something of road building and conditions.

While the cost of the road built of concrete is greater at the start than are the ordinary gravel roads, still the bills of repair, etc., do not creep in at every chance as they do in the case of gravel or dirt roads. We should like to see whatever roads are

built in Ionia county from this time on, constructed of cement and by the way there is no reason why the city of Belding and the township of Otisco should not be leaders in this movement.

GOOD MAN OR SHERIFF

To the Republicans of Belding and vicinity: Mark Hoppough is a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Ionia county in the coming primary election to be held on August 27. He was born in Otisco township, Aug. 26, 1868 and will be fifty years of age next Monday. He served eight years as deputy sheriff of this county and for the four past years as under sheriff and during all these years, we are informed, not one of his bills has been cut by the supervisors. All this is good evidence that he has not only had a wide experience in that line of work, but that he is qualified, competent and strictly trustworthy and that the voters of Ionia county will make no mistake in nominating him for sheriff of this county. Mark certainly has hosts of friends, democrats as well as republicans, not only in Belding and vicinity, but all over Ionia county, who are anxious to see him given the nomination and election. Why not reward him now by recognizing his past faithfulness and ability and giving him a promotion that he is entitled too.

A Voter —Adv.

For Congressman Fordney

Our Congressman, Joseph W. Fordney, is in Washington these days working as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, the most important Committee of the House of Representatives.

While the other Congressmen are taking a vacation, this Committee must work and prepare a bill providing the money to carry on the war. It is the most important piece of Legislation that Congress will be asked to pass, and we are proud to know that our Congressman is helping to form it.

While engaged in this great work, it is impossible for him to conduct a campaign among us for his reelection, so we are asking the voters of Ionia County to remember to vote for Joseph W. Fordney for Congress at the primaries on Aug. 27.

Congressman Fordney has loyally stood by every piece of legislation, looking to the successful prosecution of the war. By reason of his long and faithful service, he is a member of many important committees and wields great influence in the halls of Congress.

To us, it would seem most unwise to change Congressmen at this critical time in the nation's history.

S. A. Watt
F. J. Gifford
H. N. Tolcott
M. F. Farrington
H. T. Johnson
J. W. Post
M. A. Wilkinson
Jas. F. Lyon
Fred Stark
W. S. Johnson
W. F. Mery
H. Domson
Fred C. Walter
Walter A. Lee
Stanley G. Eddy
Frank E. Heether
J. A. Hay
A. B. Clark
J. A. Pate
Frank W. Bradley
Chas. Huhn
Albert C. Reed
L. J. Foster
W. S. Allen
W. E. Denamore
Fred G. Lee
John Cary
S. T. Cary
G. W. Allen
Leon E. Hixson
Fred J. Mauren
Elmer N. Green
David A. Blanchard
W. H. McBride
Samuel P. David
Wm. J. McClelland
E. A. Richards
T. J. Bandfield
C. D. Tomy
C. M. Divine
Claude Beebe
Dr. I. Griewold
G. S. Benjamin
Dr. George D. Allen
Samuel Vette
A. J. Dann
G. A. Weed
H. E. Curtis
J. E. Peacock
Thomas Johnson
C. H. Peabody
Edgar H. Tew
J. H. Griffin
Wm. H. McCartney
H. C. Lawrence
Otis Miner
C. S. Carpenter
Alton C. Nyle
C. J. Yager
Frank J. Hildinger
Alex Robertson
Edward Freynor
J. M. York
Frank Hale
Wm. Riley
R. L. Burger
F. Hoppough
L. C. Winters
E. F. A. Olmstead
W. J. Crather
Levi Howe
C. D. Easterbrook
S. J. Smith
Eugene Rose
A. T. Gadin
Joey Olmstead
John Reid
George Hill
Fred Houseman
John Eckert
John M. Peterken
F. W. Smelker
Chas. A. Lapo
Fred W. Green
R. R. Smith
W. P. Marquette
H. E. Powell
George E. Nichols
F. L. Fuller
Fred Patrick
William S. Sly
W. B. Heath

OTISCO ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Werner were Sunday afternoon callers at Frank L. Moon's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Storey and son, Alvin, were to McBrides, Saturday afternoon to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Storey.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sussex and daughter, Iris, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mehney and three children and Mrs. Frank Kroll, of St. Johns, Mrs. Scheidt and daughter of Ionia, were Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Mehney.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buttolph and daughter, Edith, of Spencer, Miss McClure, of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moyle, of Mattawan, came Sunday morning to take breakfast with the former's sister and the latter's aunt, Mrs. Jennie Noble and also for a short call.

Will those who have finished garments for the Cook's Corners Red Cross, please hand them in to Mrs. Storey or to Mrs. Morse, by Saturday of this week.

Mrs. J. Morse visited Wednesday afternoon and Thursday with Mrs. A. R. Locke, of Ionia.

Mrs. N. Mehney went to Detroit, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of her son, Ed. Mehney, which was held on Wednesday. She returned home on Thursday. Her grandson, Gerald Mehney returning with her for a weeks vacation from his work there.

Harry Reeves returned to Moline, Ill., Saturday, to his work there after a vacation of two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carey, of Easton were Sunday evening visitors at the Archie Swears home. Mr. Swears returned with them to work on a threshing machine.

BUY W. S. S.



Lloyd Burger

Candidate For
Sheriff

on the Republican Ticket.
Your support will be appreciated
at Primary Election Aug. 27, 1918.
(Political Advertisement)

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olds on Tuesday morning, August 20th, a daughter. Some proud old dad, be lieve us, boys. Reports say that both mother and the new boarder are doing nicely.

Real Estate

For Sale

8 ROOM HOUSE on May street, modern, corner lot, maple shade, garage, large porches, in fine location. Price \$1,750.

8 ROOM HOUSE on East Center street, steam heat, inside toilet, electric lights, gas, non-resident owner. Cash or terms at a bargain price, \$1,250.

8 ROOM HOUSE on East Division street, toilet, cellar, city and cistern water, to be sold on easy terms at \$1,100.

5 ROOM HOUSE on Pearl street, modern except furnace; this is on a nice corner and the cellar is large enough to install a furnace. Price, \$1,400.

8 ROOM HOUSE, bathroom complete, cellar, electric lights, gas, corner of Pleasant and Isabelle streets. Price \$1,300.

SMALL HOUSE on William street corner lot, will sell for \$550.00 with a small payment down, balance in monthly payments.

Other places for sale.—Cash or Terms.

GEO. E. WAGNER
Real Estate and Insurance
Phone 54



THE POINT IS, HOW MUCH
DO YOU SAVE?
PUT IT IN THE BANK—

THAT MONEY THIS YOUNG MAN PUTS IN THE BANK EACH PAY DAY, IS NOT ONLY MAKING HIS BALANCE GROW, BUT IT IS ALSO BUILDING HIS SELF-RELIANCE AND HIS CHARACTER. HIS BOSS IS WATCHING HIM, TOO, BECAUSE THE BOY WITH THE BANKING HABIT IS ALWAYS ON THE JOB AND IS THE FIRST TO GET PROMOTED.

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1 Lb. Can 35c R. M. C. Coffee 30c
3 Lb. Can 35c R. M. C. Coffee 75c

Special---BROOMS Hand made 4 Sewed - 69c

Dixie Bacon, per lb. 35c
Bulk Macaroni, per lb. 15c
Home Crown Osage Melons, 2 for 25c
6 pkgs. 7c Noiseless Tip Matches 29c
3 pkgs. Mince Meat for 25c
Ginger Snaps, per lb. 16c
Jelly Con, per pkg. 8c
Kelloggs Corn Flakes, per pkg. 12c
Lard Compound, per lb. 27c
3 Lbs. Fancy Oregon Prunes 27c

SPECIAL 10 bars of any White Laundry Soap 57c

8 Small Cans Milk 35c
8 Rolls Toilet Paper 25c
35c Jars Pure Fruit or Berry Jam 25c
60c Tea Green Uncolored Japan, lb. 50c
Full Cream Cheese, lb. 32c

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